

CHAPTER NO. 735

HOUSE BILL NO. 2226

By Representatives Buck, Head

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2265

By Senators Springer, Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 54-5-145. On or before February 1, 2001, the Comptroller of the Treasury shall conduct a performance audit of the Department of Transportation's policies, procedures and directives as to the acquisition of right-of-way for state highways. Such audit shall include a representative sample of acquisitions made directly by the state and acquisitions made by private contractors on behalf of the state. Such audit shall include a representative sample of acquisitions made voluntarily by donation or by purchase and acquisitions through condemnation by eminent domain. The comptroller is urged to review any specific allegations of fraud or misrepresentations reported or discovered during the performance of this audit. The Comptroller of the Treasury shall report its findings and recommendations to the Transportation Committee of the Senate and to the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.

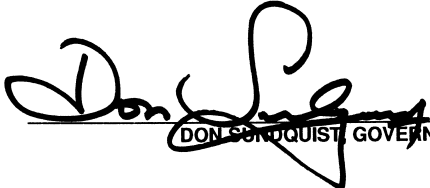
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 8, 2000


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th Day of May 2000


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR